assistance under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) are received at the Centre. Out of 2 schemes of Maharashtra for external funding, one has been referred to the Department of Economic Affairs for posing to external agencies and on other the State Government is required to comply with the observations of various Central Agencies. 5 schemes for Central assistance under AUWSP have been recently received at the Centre.

Data on Water Availability

2939. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to take any step for building up authentic data on water availability in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Country is equipped with reliable data on water availability and the same is made use of in various studies and implementation of irrigation projects. However, with a view to consolidate the existing data system and to upgrade its management, National Hydrology Project is proposed to be undertaken with World Bank assistance. The major components of this project would be as follows:—

(i) upgrading of existing physical infrastructure for data collection ;

(ii) upgrading of the data management, including the establishment of water data centres;

(iii) institutional and organisational improvements;

(iv) technical assistance;

(v) reservoir instrumentation and management;

(vi) monitoring of regenerated flows;

(vii) real-time water resources management systems.

The project is to cover most of the Penisular States and Central Organisations like Central Water Commission, Central Ground Water Board, National Institute of Hydrology, National Informatics Centre, India Meteorological Department, Central Water & Power Research Station, Central Pollution Control Board and Irrigation/Water Resources and Ground Water Departments of the concerned States. The project proposals are in advanced stage of finalisation in consultation with all concerned.

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2940. SHRI T. VENKATRAM RED-DY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details cf Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh cleared by the Central Government during the last three years;

(b) the details of original estimates and revised estimates of the on going Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Five medium projects of Andhra Pradesh as per details given below have been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission from 1-4-1991 till date:

Sl. No.	Name of project	Estimated cost (Rs. in Crores)	Benefits in hectares	Date of approval by Planning Commission
1.	Yerrekelava	46.52	9996	26.2.1993
2.	Maddileru	28.56	5213	26.2.1993
3.	Kaulasnala	20.49	3645	29.2.1993
4.	Buggavenka	25.96	3925	29.7.1993
5.	Chelamelavagu	22.39	2429	02.5.1994

(b) and (c) A statement is enclosed.